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Mechanik Askania VEB, Teltow

1. At a meeting held on 22 February 1952, it was reported that planned production for January had been 92 percent fulfilled. With respect to the target for February, difficulties were being experienced in the production of balancing machines, oscillating tables, and compasses.
2. However, since the KM¹ Department had guaranteed future deliveries of castings in addition to better work, an improvement in material difficulties was foreseen.
3. For 1-22 February, production figures were as follows:

Compasses (lacking the necessary spring rings)
Oscillating tables (7-8 produced; 5 produced of Type 80-H)
Balancing machines AM 50 (1 produced)
Balancing machines AM 500 (4 produced)
Water meters (3,500)
Mechanical logs (still lacking tachometers)
Electrical logs (15)
4. At a meeting held on 29 February, further production difficulties were revealed. No scales for the final assembly of electrical logs were to be found. There were no tachometers for mechanical logs nor suction heads (Saugkoepfe) for compass windows (Kompassluken). Only one oscillating table was in final form because of the delayed arrival of spring steel strips. A production estimate of four balancing machines (AM 500), based on a continuing lack of parts, was made for March.

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Optik Carl Zeiss Jena VEB

5. At a meeting on 11 February production of wire-drawing diamond dies was discussed. It was reported that the first order was for 15,000 and that delivery of rough stones would start at once. 50X1-HUM
6. [redacted] a visit was to be made on 15 February by a Chinese trade delegation and had resulted in considerable planning. Arrangements made for the delegates included a conducted tour of the works, a special show in the planetarium, and the provision of two Russian [redacted] interpreters. Plans were also made to decorate the approach to the entrance hall with several Chinese flags and the table with flags, messages of welcome, and a picture of MAO Tse-tung. 50X1-HUM
7. An outbreak of typhoid (typhus) in the apprentice wing was referred to and it was revealed that there were, at that time, fifteen diagnosed cases and thirteen persons under observation. Because of the epidemic, the apprentice wing would not be included in the Chinese delegation tour.
8. At a meeting on 25 February, attention was drawn to the Czech invention of a small microscope which performs the dual function of a microscope and telescope. Apropos of this, it was remarked that the Zeiss Jena works had something similar in their "Tellup".²

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